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A Faithful Account of the State and Condition of the *English* Army there, under the Command of his Grace Duke *SCHOMBERG*, from the Camp at *Bangor* near *Belfast*, *August* 17. 1689.

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ON the 14*th.* Instant, being Monday, about [illegible] in the Morning, the Signal was given by the Admiral, by firing of two Guns, for our sailing, and accordingly we weighed Anchor, and every one thought we were designed for *Ramsey-Bay* in the Isle of *Man*; but as soon as we had got out to Sea, the signal for all the Majors to come aboard the General, which was a Flag hung out upon the Mizen-shroud (as they called it) was hung out, (and I went in the long Boat with ours) to whom the Duke gave Orders to make directly to the Bay of *Carickfergus*, if the Wind would permit, but if we should happen to be divided by contrary Winds, then to Rendevouze at *Ramsey*; According to these Orders we made all the sail we had, and having a fair Wind, came in view of the Isle of *Man* by Eight of the Clock that Morning; but then some of the Ships not being able to keep company with us, we lay by almost all Afternoon, and were forced to pull down half our Sail to keep them company all that Night: At break of Day we discovered the *Irish* Coast, and about Three in the Afternoon, being Tuesday, came to Anchor in the Bay of *Bangor*, not far from *Belfast*, where part of K. *James*'s Army now are. The Countrey hereabouts are all Protestants, and notwithstanding the havock that has been made with them, they bring in great quantities of Provisions, which consists chiefly in a sort of Bread which they call Bonnocks, we Oat-cakes. Butter, Cheese, *&c.* are very cheap; not but that we can have sometimes Mutton, Beef, Hens, and any thing that is fit; Mutton a quarter for 8 *d.* Beef 1 *d.* a pound, and

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Horse for 5 d. a piece, so that in all probability we shall want nothing of that Nature; But Provisions not to be had for any Money, but sometimes Beef Sparing, and now and then a little Sonny clabber, and [illegible] the Country dare venture for K. James's Army to bring us; So until the Horse comes the Enemy may hinder them which hinders us from supplying us, if they had Courage. Incoeing something late before we could get our Men landed, and the Enemy within six Miles of us, and Thirty Horse and Dragoons, (which were that Morning in this Town,) and fled to *Belfast* upon sight of our Men;) and we having no Horse to scout it, was surprising how soon information came that our General ordered that none should offer to flee upon pain of Death, but that we should be at our work all night in throwing up a Breast-work round our Camp, and every Regiment to have a strong Out-guard. *For* (said he) *if they have any Spirit of Courage or Wit they will attack us this Night, since they shall never have the like Opportunity.* Accordingly we did, and considering the hurry of the thing, had by One of the Clock this Morning made a very strong and formidable Intrenchment; about Three one of the Centrys upon the Hill fired, and alarm'd all the Camp, but no Enemy appeared; and when the matter came to be examined, it was a Hectick Fellow, one of Sir *Ed. Ingelsby's* Regiment, who was raving, and had the Small-pox breaking out upon him, prest upon him, and would not stand, so that he fired and killed him. We take several Prisoners every day, and Protestants come in great Numbers in to us; they tell us of a great Defeat that K. *James's* Army have had from the *Inniskilling* Men, killing 2000 upon the spot, and wounding and taking Prisoners, (Major General *Mackarty* who is since dead of his Wounds) and drove 500 of them into a Lough and drowned them. We suffer very much for want of Horse, and I doubt it will be more disadvantageous to us in case we be attack'd: In the mean time thus much we suffer, that since the Enemy hath Notice that we have none, they give us every hour fresh Alarms, by appearing within a Mile of us, and driving all the Cattle in the Countrey before them. We are marching towards *Belfast*, the Enemy flying before us in great confusion; the Men are all well, and very Courageous, and when we had Orders to detach three out of a Company of our best Men for the Out-guard, (being *Chester*-men) the Captain of the Guard assured me he never saw Men so forward for any Service in his Life: I suppose we shall not stir further than *Belfast* or *Carrickfergus* before the Horse come.

This Letter came last Munday to High-lake, *where* 50 *Sail of Ships returned from Duke* Schomberg, *and brought back a great deal of Provisions, they having no occasion for them; and one of the Owners brought a fat Cow from* Bangor *that cost but* 15 *s. and a fat Sheep for* 2 *s. And some Letters from thence say the Protestants in* Dublin *that were in Prison are taken out.*

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